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We Wish You a Happy and
Prosperous New Year—
and Many of Them.

We Want You to
Know That Your Patron-
age During the Past Year
as Well as the New One
to Come Has and Shall
Always be Appreciated.

Our New Year Res-
olution is to Exert Every
Possible Effort to Make
Trading Here a Profit-
able Pleasure.

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Steinhardt**

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More About The Enemies of Christianity

Recently the press despatches—before the Ft. Worth "dry fest"—carried certain resolutions in which it set forth that, in the opinion of its proponents, every man or newspaper that opposes State-wide Prohibition, on any pretext whatever, is an enemy to Christianity.

In voicing a protest against this sweeping accusation, we said what we wish to emphasize by again repeating here:

CHRISTIANITY is that ideal of faith, hope and conduct taught and exemplified by Christ in his earthly existence. Whoever seeks to attain to this ideal, as interpreted to him by his church or his individual consciousness, as the case may be, is a Christian. Naturally, there is a wide divergence in the interpretation of the Christian ideal. Naturally all make mistakes. Naturally all sometimes fail. Naturally none ever arrive at the full stature of a perfect ideal. Therefore, Christians should be the most liberal and tolerant people in the world. And it would be pessimistic in the extreme to say that the world has not advanced along this line. But when one reads that a representative body of men calling themselves Christians solemnly resolve that it is their judgment that any man or newspaper that opposes State-wide prohibition on any pretext whatever [his conscientious convictions not excepted] is an enemy to Christianity, one is forced to the conclusion that there is still room for improvement along this line; that, regretfully as it must be said, that spirit of intolerance that drove Roger Williams into the pathless wilderness for his conscience sake is too militant in some of his present day followers. Of course, we should not judge our brethren lest we ourselves be judged; but if by the measure by which they have meted to others it is measured back to them one must conclude that they—in their intolerance and holier-than-thou Phariseism—are the greater enemy to Christianity. And well may all true Christians repeat a bleeding Savior's prayer: "Father, forgive them; they know not what they do!"

In attempting to defend those sentiments—against which we were protesting—and their proponents, and at the same time not "mention prohibition, its friends or its enemies", that petulant progeny of prohibition spite down the street brought forth a strange and peculiar mental abortion.

Let us examine it.

It proceeds:

"The Anvil Herald's criticism—and prayer(?)—

Not our prayer, but Christ's—and sincerely, not sacrilegiously, suggested as appropriate!

—for the holier than thou Phariseism of Christians—

Not all Christians, to be sure, but those and those only who regard all who oppose State-wide Prohibition as enemies of Christianity.

—would seem to imply that the country would be better off without these workers.—

Such workers for prohibition, yes, beyond question; workers for Christianity—for the attainment of the ideal life as we understand it,—no. Nor should any such implication be understood.

—The

United States, the world, owes its high state of civilization, its education, its liberties and its protection—its all—to the influence of its Christian—

Not Prohibition

—workers.—

Grandly and truly said. And not the least of these works was one of Christ's own, which did "manifest his glory and did cause his disciples—not the proponents of those resolutions—to believe on him,"—the converting of water into wine! And for which miracle, were he to perform it in Texas under the laws advocated by Prohibitionists, he could be sent to prison!

—But for these we would live in heathen darkness.—

The writer thereof seems to be in darkness of some kind still!

—The mother in Africa would yet eat the flesh from the bones of her own child, and with a clear conscience, as she did only a few years ago but for the Christian missionaries who went there and disturbed them.—

Possess your soul—and body—in peace, my anxious friend. Those men in Medina county whom you seem to regard as heathens because they oppose State-wide Prohibition are not going to eat you—in "clear conscience" or any other sort of gravity!

—Move the Christian influence from Texas and from Hondo and the Times man would move with it.—

A kind of a camp-follower like, eh?—one who is content to be a mere hanger on that he may pick the bones and gather the crumbs of the loaves and fishes!

—and perchance the

Anvil Herald, if you please!

—man would go with us.—

Can't do it. We brought our Christian influence with us to Hondo, and found Christian influences here ahead of us, planted by the Christian men and women who came before us—few of whom are prohibitionists. It is imprinted in our heart and regardless of how far it may fall of dove-tailing with our contemporary's theological tenets, it is soul-satisfying to us, and that is enough. If you haven't some of it in your own, get it; it will do you good. It will make you want to be truthful and fair towards even an enemy of Christianity. Its source?—the precepts and examples of that gentle Galilean who went into the wine making business in an emergency to manifest his glory.

Dismiss the idea. You can't move it.

But really didn't you mean "prohibition sentiment" instead of "Christian influence?"

—yet he dubs—

All of them?

—the workers—

For what? religion? or Prohibition? or either?

—as insincere hypocrites and scoundrels—

We didn't do it, and we challenge you to either quote the words from the article you attempted to discuss, withdraw the charge or stand condemned before mankind as devoid of that Christian virtue that impels a man to be fair even to a Pagan and a heathen!

—whose influence is playing havoc with the country.—

Not quite so strong as that. While the influences of Prohibitionists is playing havoc with the legitimate manufacture and sale of liquor in some places it has not lessened the wild-catting and boot-legging of it, vide the last report of the revenue department. And as their influence is impos-

tent to "play havoc" with the object of their attack, "the country" can rest serene in confidence of their never playing with it to its very great hurt.

But back to the screed.

such an attack—

Don't know an attack from a defense!

—naturally falls flat of its own dead weight, and the Christian influences for good—

Synonymous with him—and those he defends—for State-wide Prohibition.

—are too apparent on every hand, too universally revered, to need any defense from us."

As if any one had attacked "Christian influences!"

And as if he hadn't done his best to defend what he appears to regard as the primal Christian influence—the influence for Prohibition!

In conclusion, we ask a candid world if the article just examined was not discussing "Prohibition, its friends or its enemies" what in the Sam Hill was its author trying to talk about?

And if he was not talking about Prohibition then why has he found it necessary to discuss it now and not when the following invitation to him to do so appeared Sept. 3rd last?

THE Anvil Herald has a local competitor in the Times, a six-column quarto paper, which issued its initial number here Thursday. For nearly seven years the management of this paper has published the only paper in Hondo, and while it has not always been up to the standard we desired, we have striven to give the maximum of service for the minimum of cost to our patrons. That we have succeeded in some measure in this we merely point to the advertising columns of this paper as sufficient evidence. But it is impossible for any man to please all, and the dissatisfaction that culminates in the establishment of local competition began some fourteen months ago when we declined either to publish for pay that "all saloon men are murderers" or stand sponsor for the contents of a W. C. T. U. column. This dissatisfaction came to a climax in April when we paid our respects to an itinerant Prohibition spouter who butted into our peaceful community and stirred up a lot of ill-feeling among our citizens, and those offended by our remarks set about at once raising a bonus and a subscription list to secure another paper to—as one of its promoters put it—force the Anvil Herald to quit business. It is this bonus and subscription list that constitutes the "liberal inducements" offered the new paper to establish here. If the result of their labors is satisfactory to its promoters we are satisfied.

Luckily, the Anvil Herald's welfare rests with its friends and not its enemies, and so long as its friends are true to it it will be true to them, true to the best interests of Medina county and, above all, true to its convictions. It will never pretend to be what it is not that it may prosper or stifle its convictions to win patronage. The foregoing by way of announcement.

Notwithstanding whatever animosity others may feel toward the management of this paper, we have done nothing of which we are sorry; nothing we would not do again under the circumstances. Our conscience is clear and, with malice towards none, we face the future with an unalterable purpose to pursue the same course as we have done in the past, and content—unlike some have been towards us—to allow others to follow their own way as best they may.

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No. 10. Arrives.....	5:33 P. M.
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A Poor Weak Woman

As she is termed, will endure bravely and patiently
agonies which a strong man would give way under
The fact is women are more patient than they ought
to be under such troubles.

Every woman ought to know that she may obtain
the most experienced medical advice free of charge
and in absolute confidence and privacy by writing to
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whom items intended for this page should be submitted.—Editor.

Here is wishing the Editor in Chief
of this valuable paper and family, our
kind patrons and readers and also those
intelligent printers a most happy and
prosperous New Year.

Mrs. Alfred Tondre and little son,
Milton, of Del Rio arrived in our midst
Monday to spend the holidays with
home-folks and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jagge moved from
our midst back to the ranch the fore
part of last week.

Dr. John T. FitzSimon and Frank
Vann were Hondo business visitors
Monday.

Mrs. Emilie Leinweber left Tuesday
on a visit to friends in the Alamo City.
Rev. Walter Kralik returned Tues-
day from a business trip to Corpus
Christi.

This section was blessed with a fine
soaking rain Thursday afternoon which
put a fine season in the ground. The
precipitation must have been very
heavy up in the mountains for the old

Medina river came down on a four-foot
boom that night.

Leo Tschirhart and Mr. and Mrs. Ed
Hans were Hondo business visitors
Thursday.

Joe Lieber of Uvalde county came in
Thursday evening on a visit to kinfolks
and friends.

Christmas passed off very quietly.
The features of the day being impres-
sive religious services at both of our
churches, and the musical concert given
by the Castroville brass band at
Wernette's opera house at night. A
large crowd attended the concert and a
splendid program was rendered.

The Boss Editor and family spent
Christmas with kinfolks and friends in
our midst.

Mrs. Pattie Rose Hall and daughter,
Miss Dorothy, are spending the holi-
days with relatives and friends at Rio-
medina.

There are entirely too many stran-
gers in town to endeavor to mention
names. Dec. 26th.

You must read this if you want
the benefit.

J. W. Greer, Greenwood, La., suffered
with a severe case of lumbago.
"The pains were so intense I was
forced to hypodermic injections for re-
lief. These attacks started with a
pain in the small of my back which
gradually became fairly paralyzing.
My attention was attracted to Foley's
Kidney Remedy and I am glad to say
after using this wonderful medicine I
am no longer bothered in any way by
my old enemy lumbago." W. H.
Windrow.

Many a successful man got his start
in life by having a woman push him a
long!

The quicker a cold is gotten rid of
the less the danger from pneumonia
and other serious diseases. Mr. B. W.
L. Hall, of Waverly, Va., says: "I
firmly believe Chamberlain's Cough
Remedy to be absolutely the best pre-
paration on the market for colds. I
have recommended it to my friends
and they all agree with me." For sale
by all dealers.

Some men rather lie when asked for
information than to say "I don't know!"

When you have a cold get a bottle of
Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will
soon fix you up all right and will ward
off any tendency toward pneumonia.
This remedy contains no opium or
other narcotic and may be given as
confidently to a baby as to an adult.
Sold by all dealers.

Many men would rather be thought
rich, than be rich in thought!

Bad taste in the mouth is removed
with a dose of Herbine. It sweetens
the stomach and purifies the liver and
bowels. Price 50c. Sold by W. H.
Windrow.

A woman's figure, like her age,
often is a doubtful quantity!

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

When the hands chap badly and the
skin splits on the finger tips, every mo-
tion is painful. Ballard's Snow Lin-
iment puts an end to the misery. One
or two applications heals all soreness
and restores the hands to sound condi-
tion. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bot-
tle. Sold by W. H. Windrow.

It sometimes happens that a woman
with a double chin talks enough for
two!

When your feet are wet and cold,
and your body chilled through and
through from exposure, take a big dose
of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, bathe
your feet in hot water before going to
bed, and you are almost certain to
ward off a severe cold. For sale by all
dealers.

The bleached blonde's method of
keeping her hair light, is a dark secret!

Heartburn is a symptom of indiges-
tion. Take a dose of Herbine in such
cases. The pain disappears instantly.
The bowels operate speedily and you
feel fine, vigorous and cheerful. Price
50c. Sold by W. H. Windrow.

The man who has no friends don't
have to worry about losing him or her!

For coughs and colds use Ballard's
Horehound Syrup. It acts soothingly
in the irritated lungs and throat. Price
25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by
W. H. Windrow.

It is the trust instead of prosperity,
that is keeping up the price of living!

Every family has need of a good,
reliable liniment. For sprains, bruises
soreness of the muscles and rheumatic
pains there is none better than Cham-
berlain's. Sold by all dealers.

Many are brave because they can
manage to keep out of a fight!

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

The troublemakers are as plentiful as
the peacemakers are scarce!

D'HANIS DOINGS.

Items of Interest Culled or Condensed from The D'Hanis News.

Mr. Henry Wernette and Mr. Paul
Koch made a flying trip to Hondo
Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Mary White of Sabinal spent
several days with her sister, Mrs. Ed.
Finger, returning home Tuesday.

Mr. Aug. Britz left Saturday even-
ing for Hondo, returning home Sunday
night.

Mrs. Mary Carle Sr. left Sunday
evening for San Antonio where she
will spend the holidays with friends
and relatives.

Mr. John B. Ney spent several days
in San Antonio the latter part of last
week, visiting friends and relatives, re-
turning home Sunday evening.

Mr. P. M. Koch, Sr. was a San An-
tonio visitor Sunday on business, return-
ing Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William O'Donnell were
in town Monday on business.

Master Louis Carle returned home
from St. Louis College Tuesday morn-
ing. Louis will spend the holidays at
home.

Mr. Gunther Rothe, who is attending
school in San Antonio, arrived home
Tuesday to spend the holidays with the
home folks.

Mr. H. P. Koch spent several days
in Sabinal and other parts west this
week on business.

Mr. Frank Finger, who was attend-
ing school at San Antonio arrived home
Tuesday to spend the holidays with the
home folks.

Mr. John Koch, and little Stephen,
of Hondo were D'Hanis visitors Tues-
day on business.

Messrs. M. S. Koch and Alf. Nester
made a business trip to Hondo Tuesday.

Mrs. Chas. Wallrath, who has been
very ill for the past few days, we are
glad to say is improving as we go to
press.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Schuehle and
little Buster were visiting home folks
Sunday.

Mr. Jack Lutz, who has been work-
ing on the Biediger Bridge gang, re-
turned home Tuesday morning to spend
the holidays with his home folks.

Master Jacob Koch was a Hondo vis-
itor the first of the week.

Mrs. Jacob Walter and family were
visitors to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Koch
Monday.

Sheriff Joe Bader was a D'Hanis
visitor Monday, on business.

Mr. Clyde Earnest passed through
D'Hanis Sunday evening on his way to
Hondo.

Mr. Richard Carle was a Hondo vis-
itor Sunday afternoon.

Miss Elsie Rothe, who is attending
the San Antonio High School, returned
home Monday night, where she will
spend the holidays with her home folks.

Mr. Ernest Brotze and Dr. Norton
were Hondo visitors the first of the
week on business.

Ends Winter's Troubles.

To many, winter is a season of trouble.
The frost bitten toes and fingers;
chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold
sores, red and rough skins, prove this.
But such troubles fly before Bucklen's
Arnica Salve. A trial convinces.
Greatest healer of Burns, Boils, Piles,
Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Sprains. On-
ly 25c at W. H. Windrow's.

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takes money in the bank to make it
good!

Banks On Sure Thing Now.

"I'll never be without Dr. King's
New Life Pills again", writes A.
Schingreck, 647 Elm St., Buffalo, N. Y.
"They cured me of chronic constipa-
tion when all others failed." Unequal-
ed for Biliousness, Jaundice, Indiges-
tion, Headache, Chills, Malaria and
Debility. 25c at W. H. Windrow's.

A base drum may not make good
music, but often it can drown a lot of
bad!

Chronic rheumatism contracts the
muscles, distorts the joints and under-
mines the strength. A powerful pen-
etrating and relieving remedy will be
found in Ballard's Snow Liniment. It
restores strength and suppleness to the
aching limbs. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00
per bottle. Sold by W. H. Windrow.

Tenderness is all right in its way but
seldom it's weighed out by the butcher!

"I had been troubled with constipa-
tion for two years and tried all of the
best physicians in Bristol, Tenn., and
they could do nothing for me," writes
Thos. E. Williams, of Middlebrook Ky.
"Two packages of Chamberlain's
Stomach and Liver Tablets cured me." For
sale by all dealers.

When you pray you must take your
hands off your pocket book!

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

A sick man is always in favor of a
constitutional amendment!

Notice To Hunters.

Notice to Hunters.

The public is hereby notified that my
pastures are posted according to law
and all trespassing, hunting, shooting,
and cutting of bee trees is strictly for-
bidden to any and all without excep-
tion, and any one found so trespassing
will be prosecuted.

1-1-11

F. ROTHE.

Notice.

All persons are forbidden to hunt,
fish or in any manner trespass in any
of my pastures. All permits heretofore
given are hereby revoked. Persons
violating this notice will be prosecuted.

C. B. Woodward.

Posted.

My pastures are posted, and all
hunting with dogs or guns is strictly
forbidden. Any one caught therein
will be prosecuted; no permits given.

1-1-11

CLAUDE W. GILLIAM.

Posted.

Our pastures are both posted accord-
ing to law. No hunting or trespassing
allowed.

Burell Bros.,
Dunlay Texas.

Notice.

My pastures are posted, all hunting or
trespassing strictly forbidden under
penalty of law.

1-1-11.

JACOB REINHART.

Notice.

All hunting, fishing or otherwise
trespassing is strictly forbidden in any
of the pastures owned or controlled by
us. St

BLACKALLER BROS.

Notice.

My ranch is posted and all hunting,
cutting of bee trees or otherwise tres-
passing thereon is strictly forbidden
under penalty of the law M. S. KOCH.

Notice to Hunters.

My pastures are posted and all hunting
or trespassing is strictly forbidden
under penalty of the law.

AUG. C. ROTHE.

Posted

No hunting or trespassing is allowed
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My ranch is posted and no hunting is
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1-1-11.

AUG. E. SCHUEHLE.

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The Haegelin Bros.' ranch is posted
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Notice.

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2-1-11.

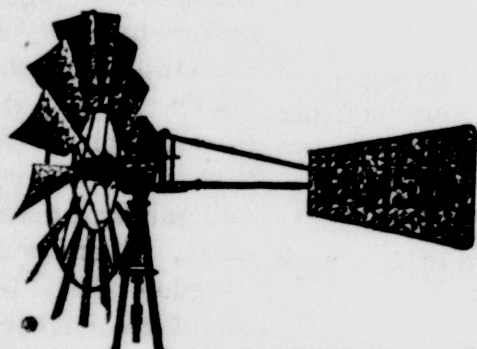
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THE Anvil Herald wishes one and all a happy and prosperous New Year.

You only have today to pay that county road-tax and secure your exemption certificate for next year. Do it now!

TODAY is the date of Hondo's second Trades Day. It is to be greatly regretted that no effort has been made to make of this day here the success it is proving to be in other places.

ONCE again, be it remembered that you must pay your poll-tax on or before January 31st if you wish to cast a vote in the Prohibition election that is practically certain to be held in 1911. Have you paid yours?

THE farmers of this section are for the most part well up with their plowing, the oat crop is thriving since the recent rains and, while more rain is need to put a good season in the ground, the outlook for the farmers is more encouraging by far than at this time last year.

THE holidays are virtually over. Santa Claus has done his stunts. The New Year resolution is now in incubation and soon the New Year's affairs will swing on in their course as New Years for eons of time have been wont to do. The world will reckon little of what you do, but new opportunities bring new duties and it is up to you to face them as becomes a man. And the best resolution is to resolve to resolve each day to so meet them.



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that rig the other day? There is one here for you. Ring 37 ---order it now

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SUCCESS lies in the direction of effort and not in the realm of chance. And the more strenuous the effort the sweeter and more enduring the success. Whenever success or results appear in the world of chance, it is to be regarded as one of the calamities of life, for it tends to the paralysis of effort, the weakening of moral fibre, the dimming of clear vision, an utterly wrong adjustment of the ideals of life. The beginners of life's battle should remember that success lies in the direction of clean thinking and true planning, honest effort of the brain and brawn. An Indian juggler may grow flowers by the mystic sweep of his hand, but nature grows flowers by the eternal law of effort, in seed, soil, stem and blossom. It should be our law of growth and gain and permanent achievement. There is no chance in the kingdom of real life. The fountain of content must spring up in a man's own mind, and he who has so little knowledge of human nature as to seek happiness by changing anything but his own disposition, will waste his life in fruitless efforts and multiply the griefs which he proposes to remove.—Exchange.

TOMORROW will be the glad New Year! How swiftly the years go by after one's youth has past! How little they leave accomplished that is worthwhile as we view their wasted wreck in retrospect! Yet it is a foolish one who pines o'er departed days or lets the ghost of lost opportunities haunt him! The past is dead! Let the dead past bury its dead! The present alone is ours! Present tasks alone are our opportunities! And he who does what his hands find to do with all his might will have little cause in future years to mourn what might have been; for though he accomplished little, he will have done much; for—

"He who does the best his circumstances will allow,
Does well; acts nobly—
Angels could do no more!"

After all, the doing, and not the achieving is what counts!

"Do noble things, not dream them all day long,
And so make life and that vast forever one grand, sweet song!"

THIS sentiment is going around credited to "Kansas Exchange," which is almost as poor as no credit at all: "You have no enemies? Then you have never dared to stand up for the right against wrong, you have never protected the weak against the bully, you have never dared to defend your rights against oppression. Yes, had you done any of these things you would have made enemies, even if you have done none of these things, but simply achieved a little more success in your business than did your neighbor you would have an enemy, for failure always hates success. The man who has no enemies should be ashamed of it"—Perry Mirror.

No man has a more profound respect for the Christian religion than has the editor of this paper. No man ever did more to make his paper useful to the Christian churches of its community than he has. No man stands more ready to co-operate with them in their work for the uplift of humanity, as far as lies in his power, than he does. Yet, because he believes in his heart that Prohibition does not promote temperance but provokes strife, fosters hypocrisy and is a stupendous failure, he, along with all others who think like him, is dubbed an enemy of Christianity by a bunch of self-satisfied Pharisees. When he voices a protest against such an unwarranted accusation a malevolent spite-rag, thinking to make capital of it, attacks him in an article that can only lead those who see it alone to conclude that the editor of this paper had made a scurrilous attack upon Christianity and denounced all Christian workers as "hypocrites and scoundrels." Twice have we pointed out the injustice of this unwarranted reflection and appealed to its author's Christian manhood to correct the same. His only answer was to confess he didn't have the Christian manhood to do it, and his latest move has been to shut up, clam-like, with nothing to say in justice to this writer or defense of his own base conduct. And this is the Christian gentleman(?) imported "to keep the Anvil Herald man straight"! But if he can afford to leave the discussion where it is so can we. We refer to it here merely to put the public on guard that what we have suffered at his malevolent hand may be your portion next, and to remark that it is small wonder a citizen of Christine—the scene of his recent operations—wrote us: "He will do harm wherever he goes. He has tried to cry down this town all the time he was here, and will eventually do it there!"

Explanation of Some Defects in Telephone Service.

The department of Commerce of the United States Government recently made a report which contains many evidences that an investigation of the Milwaukee service of the Wisconsin Telephone Company has made history and the presentation made by the Wisconsin Telephone Company is accepted as authority by the Government. This is gratifying evidence that it was complete and thorough. The following extracts from the Government's examination of a large number of telephone exchanges, independent as well as Bell, says some things to which allusion has heretofore been made that are worthy of repetition in this form. "To the public a telephone is a bit of pure mechanism in which the personal element has little to play. Let, however a delay or a mistake be made, and the subscriber is at once keenly alive to the human element at the other end of the line in the person of the operator, whom he deems responsible for this condition. The delay may perhaps have been due to some out side cause for which she is not responsible, some sudden and unexpected trouble on the wires which caused her to get flash signals, a change in subscriber's number, or a dozen other causes. The operator is not permitted to take time to explain, lest in doing so a dozen other subscribers be kept waiting for service. While she has been caring for one call, others have been waiting, and she must answer as rapidly as possible, and above all must not show haste or carelessness in her manner of answering. The efficiency, of the telephone service is to be traced in a large measure to the work of the operator and the conditions under which her work is performed. One of the most important of these conditions is the "human element" at the subscriber's end of the line. The person who uses the telephone can greatly assist the operator by giving strict attention to the business making sure that he asks for the correct number, speaking distinctly, and economizing. There is nothing new in the above quotation, except that it comes from an unbiased official source. It is uttered for the benefit of the public and deserves attention.

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Notice of Stock-Holders' Meeting.

The regular annual meeting of the Share-holders of the First National Bank of Hondo will be held at its Banking House in Hondo, Medina County, Texas, on the second Tuesday in January, the same being on the 10th day of January 1911, for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

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Clover Leaf Camp No. 4724 of the Royal Neighbors of America, a woman's fraternal beneficiary society, at its regular meeting Tuesday, December 27th, elected the following officers for the ensuing year of 1911:

Ora Horger, Oracle.
Lela Hickman, Vice-Oracle.
Roberta Davis, Past Oracle.
Ellen Hancock, Chancellor.
Laura Wanshaff, Recorder.
Aurelia Crow, Receiver.

Ora Holloway, Marshal.
Frances Keller, Inner Sentinel.
Lina Stiegler, Outer Sentinel.
Mr. Pete Jungman, Scribe.
J. B. Morgan M.D., Camp Physician.
Laura Wanshaff, Camp Deputy.
Roberta Davis, Delegate to Camp.
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

A Happy, Prosperous New Year to one and all! Get it at Windrow's. Cranberries at Hutzler's. Call on Holloway Bros. for your stove. T. H. Reynolds visited Uvalde Thursday. You can find well chains at Holloway Bros. Hear W. J. Bryan at the Auditorium tonight. Bailey, the clothing doctor; he gives you fits. Rev. A. Falkenberg went to Knippa Thursday. Fresh Chocolates and Bon Bons at Hutzler's. Just received a car of implements at Holloway Bros. Walnuts, Almonds, Brazil Nuts and Pecans at Hutzler's. Work called for and delivered. Phone 2-5. G. W. Bailey. Now is the time to buy you a P&O lantern from Holloway Bros. Fritz Martin and Arnold Oefinger spent Monday in San Antonio. Our implements make friends everywhere they go. Holloway Bros. Be economical and have your old clothes made new. G. W. Bailey. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Brown returned to San Antonio the first of the week. Watkin's Laxtone for the babies has no equal. See O. S. Wallace, agent. It is impossible to mention all of the holiday visitors to and from our town. Watkin's Cough Cure will stop that cough. Try it. O. S. Wallace, agent. Judge H. E. Haas and family spent Christmas with relatives at Castroville. The John Deere line of hacks and buggies give satisfaction. E. R. Leinweber. For Sale:—One fresh, milk cow with young calf; gives four gallons per day. Apply at Hotel Armstrong. 2t.

—Box Candies, Hutzler's. Postal cards at F. A. Heyen's. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Huesser Jr. spent Sunday in Castroville. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Droitcourt visited Castroville over Sunday. Clarence Hudspeth came home from Terrell for the holidays. Smoke the best cigars in town and buy them at Geo. Hay's. A marriage license was issued Thursday to Ed F. Mann and Miss Ida Naegelin. —Meet me at the Soda Fountain. Cool, sparkling drinks served from the beautiful fountain at Hutzler's. —Let L. J. Brucks prepare your abstracts. He represents the Garner Abstract & Land Co. There is never any complaint about a Garner Abstract.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Zimmermann spent Christmas with homefolks in Castroville.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Beal and children returned Thursday to their home in Del Rio.

Christian Rath was here during the week, the guest of his cousin, Matt Rath and family.

Stephen W. Carney was here the first of the week on legal business with the firm of De Montel & Fly.

The Watkin's toilet preparations are the best on the market. Buy them from O. S. Wallace, agent.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stahl of Guadalupe Co. are here on a visit to their daughter, Mrs. J. B. Morgan.

Mrs. H. J. Meyer and little son, John Henry, returned the first of the week from their visit to La Grange.

We are requested to announce that Miss Louise Connella's kindergarten school will re-open next Monday.

When contemplating the purchase of a hack or buggy get E. R. Leinweber's prices on the John Deere line. tf

We have cypress troughs; all lengths. Come and see us for prices before buying elsewhere. Hondo Lumber Co.

FOR SALE—100 bushels Mebane Cotton Seed. Apply to Frank Moore, Hondo, Texas. Phone 22, 1 long, 2 shorts.

Seraphin Jungman, Fred Kilhorn Jr. and Eugene Huesser attended the band concert at Castroville Sunday night.

Just received a car of choice Johnson grass hay. Place your order before it's all gone. Phone 103. Hondo Lumber Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Metzger were here from Leon Springs to spend Christmas with Mr. Metzger's parents, Capt. and Mrs. Fred Metzger.

Lost.—On the streets of Hondo one gold cross with small pearl in center. Finder will please return to me, and get reward. Miss Mary Kempf.

After Jan. 1st, I will have a select Stock of Picture Moulding and can frame your pictures promptly. McLeod's Studio.

We are still selling out all of our hardware, tinware, and dry goods at cost and will continue until the stock is sold out. Call and see us. Mask & Son.

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Chas. Winkler invites all of his Medina County friends to call on him at 625 Jones Ave., San Antonio. Take the Tobin Hill car and get off on east Elmira St.

Prof. J. H. Morgan and wife of Fallfurris and R. T. Morgan and wife of Eagle Pass were here during the week, guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Morgan.

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The Lord's Supper, will be the subject for the Sunday morning sermon at 11 o'clock in the Baptist Church by the pastor. The Holy Communion will be observed at 11:45 A. M. In the evening at 7 o'clock the discourse will be "Some lessons of the Old Year and the Outlook of the New."

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At the Gun Store is the place for Bargains in Guns and Cutlery. Gaines.

Henry Poehler Jr. was down from Brackett this week on business and pleasure.

Frank and Arthur Jungman entertained their friends at a party Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Henderson visited relatives in San Antonio the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Woods and children spent the holidays with relatives at Seguin.

Balfrey Borden of San Antonio spent Christmas with the family of his uncle, B. G. Collier.

Ray Dawson of Michigan spent the holidays here, the guest of his friend, Roland Rothe.

The young people enjoyed a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mofield Monday night.

You had better hurry and get that overcoat or suit, as cold weather is coming. Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Holloway are visiting Mr. Holloway's parents in La Grange this week.

Miss Lavinia McLaugherty is here from Sabinal, the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. R. Chancey.

Several brands of cigars for sale below cost. Regular 5c seller now two for 5c. Fritz Frerichs. tf.

Come and take your choice. Fall stock now in. Guns, Ammunition and Cutlery. C. R. Gaines.

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The Gay Widow Musical Comedy Co. gave a creditable performance at the Auditorium last Saturday night.

Call at E. R. Leinweber's hack and buggy repository and get his prices before purchasing a vehicle. tf

O. S. Wallace sells the famous Watkin's Extracts and Spices, the best and cheapest on the market. See him.

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Mrs. McManus and son, David Stone, are here on a visit to Mrs. McManus' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Stone.

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Watkin's Lung Balsam will stop that cough and heal and soothe your sore lungs. Sold by O. S. Wallace, Agent.

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G. A. Redus was up from Dilley this week on a visit to relatives. While here he paid our office an appreciated call.

Mrs. S. A. Proctor and daughter, Miss Belle and Miss Maude Allen attended the D'Hanis dance Monday night.

Our local dealers in holiday goods all report a good business, and carry comparatively little of their holiday stocks over.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Grimsinger attended the Louis Carle dance at D'Hanis Monday night and report an enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. Weltner of Center Point were here the first of the week, the guest of their daughter, Mrs. W. F. Wanshaff.

Haynes Morgan was here from Eagle Pass during the week, spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Morgan.

Mrs. J. G. Borden returned to her home in San Antonio Thursday after spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. B. G. Collier.

Misses Ruth Driscoll and Clara Balmos returned to their homes at Devine yesterday after a pleasant visit to Miss Etta Lippold.

The Philathea Class entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac King Tuesday evening and all present had a most enjoyable time.

Judge and Mrs. Ed. de Montel received a telegram Wednesday morning from Honey Grove, Texas, announcing the safe arrival of a 10½ pound boy, born that morning to Mr. and Mrs. J. Arthur Williamson. This is Judge and Mrs. Montel's first grand-child and they are very much elated over its advent.

The editor and family attended the band concert at Castroville Sunday night. The Castroville Brass Band is to be congratulated upon the splendid program arranged for the occasion. Although only organized a few months, it gave a concert that would have reflected credit upon a much older organization.

A jolly hunting party composed of Messrs. Henry Hoeke, Charles Winkler and Carl Sutter of San Antonio and Messrs. August Schuehle and John Cruseturner of Hondo went up in the hills Monday. The party returned Thursday having killed one buck, Henry Hoeke being the crack marksman. They had plenty to eat and drink and report having had an enjoyable time.

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Henry Batot paid this office a business call Saturday.

W. G. Poehler was a business caller at this office Saturday.

Adolph Grell was a business caller at this office Tuesday.

Henry Hartmann was a business caller at this office Wednesday.

Prof. and Mrs. T. C. Hickman and son, Troy, visited in Del Rio during the week.

We have everything an up-to-date Soda Fountain should have. Give us a call. Geo. Hay.

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—Chocolates and Bon Bons at Hutzler's.

Bailey does all kinds of cleaning and pressing.

J. D. and J. H. Burgin spent Christmas in Uvalde.

D. E. Beal was a business caller at this office Saturday.

How is this? \$4.40 for a H. & E. shot-gun at Gaines'.

Kryptok invisible bifocals at James Pluck's optical office.

J. W. Holloway returned Thursday from a visit to Houston.

Most complete stock of Fire works in town at F. A. Heyen's.

Mrs. J. S. Monkhouse and baby are visiting relatives in Waelder.

Hans Rothe came home from San Antonio to spend the holidays.

Start on the first of the year buying your hardware at Holloway Bros.

The young people enjoyed a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lippold Thursday night.

Since the cotton season opened up there had been shipped from this point 4758 bales of cotton up to Thursday night of this week.

Buy your Autos and supplies at home from Gaines & Garwood. They will take care of you and give best goods. They handle no Cheap John dope.

We Extend to all

We extend to all our customers and friends the compliments of the season and our best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. We cordially thank you all for the splendid patronage of 1910 and assure you that we shall leave nothing undone to merit your good will and favor during 1911. Appreciatively yours,

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Silk Flowers, Large Eyelets and Lace Medallions Over Chiffon Decorate Some of the More Extreme Models.

In no department of dress are women more likely to suffer embarrassment in choosing from the great number of models presented to them than in that of parasols. Those who have a keen appreciation of the beauties of fine needlework will no doubt choose as an accompaniment to their airy summer frocks white linen parasols decorated with hand embroidery. They can have the embroidery done in pure white or in colors, as they prefer, and it may consist of nothing more than scalloped worked around the edge and a simple border of it may extend in an elaborate, but inconspicuous design, over the entire parasol.

It is entertaining to observe how forms of ornamentation originally intended for some specific purpose, find their way into all parts of womanly attire. The silk flowers, for instance, so often seen on the most exquisite productions of millinery have been pressed into the service of the parasol makers. One model, which only a daring woman would ever think of putting to actual use had a silk rose of more than average size stuck in each section. In another small silk buds in relief used in connection with narrow bias bands applied in a wavy pattern made a beautiful and quite practical decoration.

There are some indications that in their zeal for beautifying parasols the designers may lose sight of the use for which they were first intended.

The seductions of English embroidery, tree a jour, as the French say, they have not been able to resist in the construction of these articles, the object of which is supposed to be to shut out and not to let in the day. One white silk parasol was seen with large eyelets over the greatest part of it, which one can easily imagine being penetrated by many a tantalizing ray of sunshine. In another model of white silk overlaid with lace, bits of the silk were cut out under medallions in the lace and the holes filled in with chiffon. These semi-transparent spots of chiffon and lace could not be the most effectual protection against the sun, though they might be better than holes.

DRESS FOR THE YOUNG GIRL

Smart Gown Made of Light Brown Linen, With Collar and Cuffs of Embroidered Lawn.

This is a very smart dress in light brown linen, three wide box-pleats are taken down back and front, they are caught down to waist by large French knots worked in "Ossolike" to match; slits are cut at the back of pleats and ribbon is taken through them behind



plants and tied in a big bow at the back. Collar and cuffs of embroidered lawn are worn, a bow of brown ribbon adds a smart finish at the neck.

Material required: 4 1/2 yards linen 46 inches wide.
Price of pattern, tacked up, 1s. 6 1/2 d.; flat, 6 1/2 d.

Napkin Rings.

For the maiden who travels much, or who is going on a long visit, an embroidered napkin ring of white linen is a timely and serviceable gift. These rings are cut in strips of the required length, with a triangular point at the embroidered end, and are scalloped and buttonholed all around. A spray of flowers makes a pretty decoration, with the monogram of the owner beneath. A buttonholed loop at the very end folds over and fastens to the tiny pearly button at the other side. Unlike most embroidered pieces, these rings must be stiffly starched when laundered.

Satin Scarf on Skirt.

Many of the sheer summer frocks are made up with softly full or tucked skirts, trimmed with two scant flounces between which a scarf of satin encircles the skirt either under the material or upon it.

Device Patented By An Oregonian For the Protection of His Apple Orchard.

In the country all sorts of homely devices are used to catch the bugs and kill them, and an Oregon man, who probably had his apple orchard overrun by some destructive species, patented a trap for the pests.

A barrel has pieces cut out of the upper portion and is half-filled with rotten or bruised apples or some other odoriferous fruit. On top of the barrel is placed a pan partially filled with water, oil or some poisonous liquid. From the apex of a tripod that keeps the basin from falling off the barrel hangs a lantern.

In the daytime the insects will be attracted by the odor of the fruit, and in flying up to feast many of them are likely to fly into the water. At night the lantern is lighted and bugs will come from afar to flutter against it and meet their death in the liquid below.

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Mrs. Northup, Quincy, Ill.

Mothers should be grateful to know of a remedy for their own stomach, bowel and liver troubles as well as for those of their children. Mrs. Alice Northup of Quincy, Ill., after trying many methods is free to admit that the best one is Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which she uses herself and gives to her family. She believes no household should be without it. This grand laxative and tonic is absolutely guaranteed to do what is claimed, and if you want to try it before buying, send your address for a free sample bottle to Pepsin Syrup Co., 119 Caldwell Bldg., Monticello, Ill. It is sold by all druggists at 50c and \$1.00 a bottle.

Peculiar Trick of Lightning.

Lightning played a curious trick with a funeral procession near Limoges, recently. It struck the church and burned the altar cloth. Outside the church a girl was killed and four bearers of the coffin were knocked down.

Saved From Awful Death.

How an appalling calamity in his family was prevented is told by A. D. McDonald, of Fayetteville, N. C. R. F. D. No. 8. "My sister had consumption," he writes, "she was very thin and pale, had no appetite and seemed to grow weaker every day, as all remedies failed, till Dr. King's New Discovery was tried, and so completely cured her, that she has not been troubled with a cough since. It's the best medicine I ever saw or heard of." For coughs, colds, lagrippe, asthma, croup, hemorrhage—all bronchial troubles, it has no equal, 50c and one dollar. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by W. H. Windrow.

The Embargo Removed.

She—My chaperon can't see a thing without her glasses, and now she's mislaid them. He (chuckling)—S-sh! Don't say anything! I've got them in my pocket.—Boston Transcript.

A credulous woman is one who believes a dentist, when he promises not to hurt her at all!

Curiosity often hides behind the mask of sympathy!

Courtship is a vessel with two mates and no captain!



Fred Metzger

The foregoing is an excellent likeness of Gapt, Metzger as he appears in full Past Master's Regalia. The Captain celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his being made a Mason Dec. 20th, that important event in his life having taken place at New Orleans, Dec. 20, 1860. For many years he was a member of Alamo Lodge in San Antonio, later of the Hondo Valley Lodge and the Castroville Lodge and more recently a charter member of Hondo City Lodge, No. 756.

As a mark of respect, his former lodge in San Antonio sent him an invitation to attend a special meeting and banquet there last Friday night which he accepted and at which he had a most enjoyable time.

The Anvil Herald congratulates this old veteran upon his long and useful career as a Mason and wishes him many more years of usefulness to the fraternity and his fellow man.

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WHO CAN BEAT IT?

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BULLS OR BEARS

By OSWALD EASTWOOD

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Hope Miniver and her father had not enjoyed their breakfast. When two individuals so closely akin are so widely apart in their preferences there is small opportunity for the appetite to assert itself. It really took something of importance to interfere with Tom Miniver's appreciation of a good breakfast, but that something had occurred. For the first time in her life his daughter had declared—so positively that he knew she meant it—that she wouldn't!

"And why, I should like to know?" he had demanded testily. "Oh, rather, why not?" Tom Miniver was a purist only when he was very angry.

"Because I can't endure him," she had answered promptly, "and I don't know any good reason why I should compel myself." She was only an idealized replica of her masterful father in the matter of temperament.

"All bosh! Regular penny dreadful logic!" he had declared, with a wrathful insistence that was beginning to interfere perceptibly with his good looks.

"How about the implacable parent?" she had returned, with a little smile that emphasized hers.

That brought him to a realization of his absurdity, but it hadn't the slightest effect on his determination to have his own way in this business. She had succeeded in spoiling his breakfast, but she could not overrule him in this matter which concerned him so vitally. By a strange mental coincidence Hope arrived at precisely the same conclusion at the same moment.

"I don't believe," he resumed, "that you have given the actual reason."

"If you know a better one, pray don't keep it a secret on my account," she returned audaciously.

"Well, I won't—Bob Hober."

She flushed perceptibly and began to bustle, transferring the coffee urn from the table to the sideboard, an operation entirely unnecessary.

"Have I hit it?" he persisted maliciously. Her back was toward him, but he could see her face in the sideboard glass.

"Mr. Hober is a man," she said.

"How would you classify Percy Van Alstine?"

At which she turned around and faced him. "Even were I a naturalist I should hesitate," she replied, with a distinctness of tone that was almost convincing.

"He could provide you with luxuries that have become necessities to you. Have you thought of that? I admit that Homer is a fine fellow. I ought to know—I've made him. He came to me as an office boy and now he is practically my manager. He's a keen business man, none shrewder. But he hasn't anything except his salary—less than what you spend for gimcracks. He must be provided with plenty of nerve to—to—"

"You could take him into the business," she suggested naively. "Besides he is going to make a lot of money."

"How—I should like to have you tell me."

"As you do—speculate."

"Do you mean to buy and sell at risk?"

"Certainly—just as you do."

"I never risk anything," he declared, savagely. "I always see to it beforehand that the element of uncertainty is eliminated."

"Well, can't Mr. Hober manage it the same way?"

He groaned and shook his head hopelessly, and then he rang for his hat and coat. Before he left her, however, he fired a parting shot.

"I am quite too well bred to say what I think," he declared with an air of lofty superiority that appealed eloquently to Hope's sense of humor. "but I don't mind saying that, in view of your opportunities and the fact that you are my daughter, you show an ignorance of men and affairs that is colossal—elephantine."

It happened that Van Alstine had accepted an invitation to lunch with Mr. Miniver on that day. Although no definite arrangement had been made to that effect, it was understood by the broker and the young man whose suit he favored that the subject of the proposed matrimonial alliance would come up for informal discussion. As yet Van Alstine had made no direct proposal for the honor of becoming the broker's son-in-law, but he made no secret of the fact that he admired Miss Miniver greatly and would probably become a suitor for her hand. He had even mentioned the matter to several of his friends, most of whom agreed that his family was good enough even to survive an alliance with the Minivers.

To Van Alstine justice, it must be admitted that he was by no means a flagrant example of his type. As a representative of long transmitted wealth and family prestige he really made a fair showing. Although he was not averse to the prospect of handling some of Tom Miniver's winnings in the street, he had a real admiration for the broker's daughter. He even fancied sometimes that he could become decidedly sentimental over her if the opportunity presented itself.

Van Alstine made his appearance at the office of the broker about midday. For him the region was an undiscovered country and he was not impressed favorably. The minimum of

space and excess of activity conflicted with his notion of personal expansion, and on his passage from his car to the entrance of the office building he had been jostled unmistakably. It was a positive relief to reach Miniver's quarters and be given a seat in the anteroom while his card was making its way to the presiding genius of the spot.

He waited patiently enough at first and then with a growing distaste. All the doors between the small rooms which comprised the suite were open and Van Alstine was dismayed to find that some of the din and bustle that had assailed him on the outside had followed him. Loud voices were calling in every direction, messenger boys were running hither and thither and the incessant clicking of telegraphic instruments and ringing of telephone calls set his nervous system on edge. No one seemed to take the slightest notice of him, and the forced realization of his lack of importance was not an agreeable sensation.

After he had waited for what seemed to him an unconscionable period Miniver made his appearance. The broker was in his shirt sleeves, open at the wrists, cuff links dangling. He had the unlighted stub of a cigar in his mouth and appeared to be in a state of intense nervous strain.

Awfully sorry to have kept you waiting," he said, after they had shaken hands. "Meant to have phoned you that I'd have to call that luncheon off, but I forgot all about it. It's an awful day for us. They've been pouring us like mad for two hours and the end is not yet. What's that? D. and R. G. off another point! Homer, get a move on and buy everything in sight. Can't you come down some other day—soon—Van Alstine? How's that? I've sent out for a sandwich. C. and I, ahing, eh? Let's put 'em to bed. Sell all we've got. Don't keep enough for seeds. One of the biggest days I've ever seen since I came into the street. Wha—wha—wha!"

Without a word of apology or explanation Miniver made a precipitous exit from the room. Somewhere in the rear his high-pitched voice continued to reel off orders at a frenzied rate, but Van Alstine saw no more of him that day. Just as he had yielded to his not unreasonable indignation and was about to leave the uncongenial spot Homer entered the room.

"Mr. Miniver wishes me to apologize for him," he said. "This is really one of the hottest days the street has seen for many years."

"Is it so unusual?" queried the other listlessly. "I have not been in the neighborhood since I was a child, but I fancied it was just about living up to its reputation."

"It's doing much more than that," laughed Homer. "Before closing today there'll be more than one financial shipwreck that will startle the business community. Do you ever deal in futures, Mr. Van Alstine?"

"So far I have found the present sufficiently engrossing," the visitor admitted, with a feeble attempt at pleasantry. Then he added, soberly enough: "I suppose Mr. Miniver is deeply interested in these matters. He seemed to be very greatly disturbed over something."

"Isn't it enough to rattle any man to find out that he's a million out of pocket? We've been on the wrong side of the market ever since the opening."

"Bulls or bears?" asked Van Alstine, who did not know what else to say.

"Either," replied Homer, "as the emergency demands."

Van Alstine took his leave. He was so shaken by his experience in the street that he went abroad almost immediately to remain for an indefinite period.

About a year later he came face to face with Homer in London. The young man greeted him cordially and invited him to call at the hotel at which he and his wife were stopping.

"She's an old friend of yours—Miss Miniver, you know," explained Bob. "Come to see us. Plenty of time to visit with you now—"

"How did Miniver come out of that Wall street affair?" interrupted Van Alstine.

"Oh, a couple of millions to the good!"

"Why, I thought—I fancied he was losing heavily."

"He was—in the morning, but he was a big winner in the afternoon."

Life of Telephone Poles.

The average life of an untreated seasoned pole depends much upon the kind of timber, its condition when set, the condition of the soil and the climatic conditions, and these are all so variable that a definite statement as to the average life is difficult. Most companies can closely estimate the average life of their poles as controlled by their local conditions by referring to their pole records. The average throughout the country, however, is apparently somewhat as follows: Cedar, 13½ years; chestnut, 12 years; cypress, nine years; pine, 6½ years; juniper, 8½ years.—Electrical Record.

Probably.

"Some men just love to do foolish things."

"What are you reading now, how those land-grabbers have been doing the Indians?"

Her Professional Methods.

"How is it that Miss Josephine fishes so successfully for compliments?"

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- Biry, January 12
- Dunlay, January 13
- Riomedina, January 16
- Lacoste, January 17
- Castroville, January 18-19
- Quihi, January 20
- Devine, January 23-24-25

Poll Tax must be paid in person or by written Power of Attorney. This is my last call for 1910 taxes, and unless same are paid by Jan. 31, 1911 a penalty of 10 per cent must be added.

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Merit is as certain to be seen and recognized as sunshine is.

The time the old cow died on used up everybody else in the neighborhood before it finished her.

The long hatpin has been called in, but the fellow who whistles on the street cars is still loose.

Flaming with a crooked stick is a danger to be kept on a starvation diet.

It doesn't make much difference where you were born. The great question is, "Where are you now?"

Never give up, but keep on getting up.

The greatest promises in the Bible are for those who trust.

God wants us to have every joy that does not give a sting to some one else.

Money was made for those who are not afraid of bee stings.

If we could hear better, God would tell us more.

Hell is where sin has its own way—whether in a heart or in a world.

God gives the best crop to the man who uses both his brains and his hoe.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Some men and many phonographs have bad records.

You can save yourself lots of trouble by not borrowing it.

Charity that expects a return on the investment isn't charity.

Many a woman holds her mirror up to art instead of to nature.

The flower of a flock of girls isn't a flower at all; she's a peach.

Ever notice how much better a sample is than the real thing?

Judge a man by his daily talk rather than by his Sunday prayers.

Many a man at the age of fifty wishes he was half as smart as he thought he was at the age of twenty-one.

And when a man meets a woman with genuine blonde hair he always wonders if it is genuine.

While it may not be lucky to have a rabbit's foot, every intelligent rabbit knows that it is unlucky to lose one.

Husbands, occasionally, are men who stay at home and earn money to pay the bills of wives who go away on vacations.—Chicago News.

SIDELIGHTS ON LIFE.

The surest way to shatter an idol is to marry it.

Wounded are the meek, for they generally get married.

Lots of us who are sure we are right never go ahead.

It is hard for a woman to conceal her faults in a décolleté gown.

A plain duty is like a plain person. It is always the least attractive.

The trouble with a bore is that when he gets wound up he doesn't stop.

The ball player should always remember that a hit in time saves nine.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR

Heaven ought to be ahead of women when man is behind her.

Experience costs so much it wouldn't pay if it was worth anything.

June roses leave plenty of their thorns in the path of the June brides.

There is hardly anybody who won't admit if he thinks he is doing it respectably.

Either a boy is brought up like a milkop to please his mother or like a savage to please his father.—New York Press.

SLEEP

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Take all you need.

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PERSONALS

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Clay Bailey spent the holidays in Devine.

Funeral notices printed at the Anvil Herald office.

Phone or send us the news. We will appreciate it.

Often a little knowledge saves a man from jury duty!

It isn't half so hard to buy a man, as it is to keep him!

Wm. Ney was home from Yorktown for the holidays.

Ben McCulloch is a late addition to our corps of readers.

Miss Lelia Hurt is back from a visit to relatives at Devine.

Mrs. E. E. Zinsmeyer of D'Hanis visited here Thursday.

Make your real estate wants known to us. Hondo Land Co.

Miss Ethel Gaines has gone to Port Lavaca to visit relatives.

H. B. Taylor and Joe Ney visited San Antonio during the week.

County Court will convene here next Tuesday for the January term.

Hugo Schweers came home from Georgetown to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Holloway and baby returned Tuesday from LaGrange.

Mrs. G. W. Monkhouse and son, Joe, are visiting in Gonzales this week.

Frank Brown shipped a car of cattle to the Ft. Worth market this week.

There are as many different kinds of husbands as there are married men!

Mrs. F. H. Falkenberg left yesterday for Galveston on a visit to home folks.

Frank Koehle, station agent at D'Hanis, was here Wednesday evening.

A patient man can win the admiration of any woman, except his own wife!

One brand of seasickness is the results of a trip on the sea of matrimony!

Dan G. Hardt arrived yesterday from New Braunfels on a visit to home folks.

E. L. Anderson, A. J. Willmann and H. C. Willmann spent Christmas at Seguin.

O. W. Peters and sister, Miss Della, came home from Bryan to spend the holidays.

For sale cheap, a Draughton's Business College scholarship. Apply at this office.

Aug. Gerdes shipped a car of cattle to the San Antonio market the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bailey and niece, Nellie Wilson, visited Devine during the week.

Most of the business houses in town will be closed Monday on account of New Year.

We can print most any thing in the job printing line. Get the Anvil Herald's prices.

T. N. McFarland was down from Del Rio Tuesday on a visit to relatives and friends.

Miss Doyl Traillkill is here from San Antonio, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Sadie Hutzler.

Louis Graff of Castroville begins the new year right by subscribing for the Anvil Herald.

Miss Alice Jarmin and brother, Ernest, of Sprinkle were the guests of relatives here this week.

It will pay you to watch the advertisements in this paper. Get the habit of reading them.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Oefinger of D'Hanis spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Matt Rath.

Rev. F. Bohmfalk was here from Gonzales this week on a visit to relatives and friends.

Admission to the Bryan Lecture 50 and 75 cents. Hear him at the Auditorium tonight.

F. Thumm and A. Armstrong Jr. passed through town Tuesday, enroute to San Antonio.

C. F. Haass and family were here Tuesday from Haass Settlement, the guest of relatives.

For Sale.—A nice building lot one block west of the school building. See Hondo Land Co. ti.

Mr. and Mrs. August Garteiser and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Heath were D'Hanis visitors Monday.

Mr. W. H. Dowdy arrived yesterday from Stoneberg, Texas, on a visit to his son, J. N. Dowdy, and family.

Don't miss the opportunity of hearing America's greatest platform orator, Wm. J. Bryan at the Auditorium tonight.

Mrs. A. Dilworth returned to her home at Belmont Tuesday after a two week's visit to her son, J. F. Dilworth, and family.

FOR SALE, three choice lots, southeast corner block, and a neat three-room house near the school house for \$1600. Will sell house and one inside lot for \$1100. Either proposition is a bargain. See the Hondo Land Co., Taylor & Davis, Managers.

"God's Birth In Humanity."

Sunday morning Sermon, Christmas Day, 1910, by Rev. S. M. White in the Hondo Baptist Church.

"And she brought forth her first born son, and she wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2: 7.

God coming to make His abode in humanity! "Emmanuel," meaning, "God with us," now to be realized.

This had been the heart of prophecy, from the dawn of God's self-revelation! The time had come. The clock of the centuries struck for the last time, and the last day, the last hour and the last moment was ended! The old dispensation was now to close. A new era was to begin. It was to begin in a little child. "The kingdom of heaven is like a little child." Caesar had sent out his decree, that a new census was to be taken. Every man subject or citizen was to be in his native city, on a certain day, or death would be the penalty. Their names must be enrolled.

Joseph and his young wife Mary, who was "great with child," must answer the call, even if it did mean a long tiresome journey.

As the sun went down behind the mountains of Palestine, they arrived in the city of David, their illustrious ancestor. Had justice been theirs, they would have been the King and Queen of the Hebrew people. They sought shelter at the inn of the city. Every room was filled with guests.

Joseph went from room to room, pleading for Mary's sake, who was to be a mother that night, for a room. But there was no spare room in the inn. Here was the rich merchant from far away Chaldea, with his load of silks; there was a room for them and a room for himself. He must have two rooms. There was the man with his family, they could not expose themselves sleeping in the open air. The young man was there, he had paid for his room and he had a right to it. So they all stood on their rights. They all had interests that could not be set aside, even if humanity did suffer.

There was no room in the inn, for even the God-mother, so they were forced to go to the stable. It had a wall about it, it was inclosed, there were mangers, where the coarse fodder was thrown; but no roof to protect. Here he brought forth his first born Son, and laid Him in a manger. No room in the inn. No room for God in the inn. The people stood on their rights, and for their interests, regardless of the demands of God, or the needs of humanity.

How like the present time this is. "Inn," means the world today. Christ is seeking a place to be born in men's hearts today. But here is a world of self-interest at stake. God must await His demands on us, until "My business is in a different shape." "My business will not permit God being a partner with me now."

The church, "God's representative," calls to us and says: "I need you in the church, and you need me and my influence in your heart, and home." But no room in the inn for Christ to be born. So we seek our help and consolation from the rich, from the possession of riches, from the noted. "What can common people do for me? My interest demands special help." So we miss the real object of life. Real help can only come from God. Our true help comes from helping the helpless.

Greatness does not come in dollars and cents, it comes from character, God filled and directed. God came in a poor helpless babe, lying in a manger, because there was no room in the inn. Help the helpless, and you help God. Give God the room of your heart now. Let Christ be born in you today.

E. Brown of El Paso was a pleasant business caller at this office Saturday.

C. E. Ragland arrived Thursday night from Dallas and will spend a few days here while enroute to South Texas on business.

The proceeds of the Bryan Lecture will go to the benefit of the Hondo Mother's Club. Buy a ticket and help a worthy cause.

Mrs. W. F. Wanshaff returned to D'Hanis yesterday to be with her sister, Mrs. Charles Wallrath, who continues seriously ill.

Rev. Fred Bohmfalk will preach at the New Fountain M. E. church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. He will lecture about his trip to Germany and the Holy Land.

I. N. Hall of Knappa stopped off here yesterday on his return from a visit to a sister in Orange Co. Mr. Hall had not seen his sister in thirty years and the meeting was a most enjoyable one.

Arrangements are being made to drill deeper in the new well in the hope of striking an artesian flow. The preliminaries were being arranged yesterday and the drill will probably be started today.

W. F. Shaw of Mercedes and J. D. Shaw of Dallas spent the holidays here visiting their mother, Mrs. Wm. Shaw. Mr. W. F. Shaw will leave next week for California, Utah and Colorado to study irrigation in that section for his company, The American-Rio Grande Land and Irrigation Co. of Mercedes. We wish Mr. Shaw a pleasant and a successful trip.

HEAR!



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Auditorium TONIGHT

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE Hondo Mothers' Club

Miss Lippold Entertains.

Miss Etta Lippold was hostess, to the younger set Thursday evening, in honor of Misses Ruth Driscoll and Clara Balmos of Devine.

The house was artistically decorated, in all the Christmas Greens and Reds. Delicious Fruit Punch was served throughout the evening.

Many amusing games were played.

The Hostess was assisted in entertaining by her mother and Miss G. Collier. Among those present were Misses Ruth Driscoll, Clara Balmos of Devine, Lucile and Evelyn Davidson, Effie McClaugherty, Miss Jones of San Antonio, Bertie Sanders, Jessie Laughinghouse, Gertrude Collier, and George Carle, Elbert Montel, Joe Rogers, Marvin Beal, Frank Cockrell, Walter McClaugherty, Guinn Miller, Jamie Ware, Jim Merriman, Jack Hardy, Roy West, Sid Carter, Charlie Hoover, Robert Callahan, Murphy Beal.

At the annual election of officers of Bois D'Arc Camp W. O. W., held last Monday night, the following were elected for the ensuing year:

W. N. Suathoff, Consul Commander. C. H. Sayers, Advisor Lieutenant. M. A. Chancey, Banker. Ross Holloway, Escort. C. R. Gaines, Watchman. Charles Filleman, Sentry. Dr. J. B. Morgan, Physician. Joe Fohn, Isaac Wilson and H. B. Taylor, Managers.

Woodmen of The World Elect Officers.

A. B. Jones, the contractor, came home from Yorktown to spend the holidays. He reports work progressing well on the big school building at that place.

Mrs. J. T. Johnson arrived Thursday from Eagle Pass to take charge of the Armstrong Hotel, Mr. L. L. Davidson retiring. Mrs. Johnson is an experienced hotel manager, and we predict for her an eminent success in this venture.

A Party.

The younger society set enjoyed a party at the home of Mrs. Fletcher Davis Thursday night. Juvenile games of various kinds were played and at 10 o'clock cake and fruit punch were served to all present. At eleven the party disbanded and all expressed themselves as having had an enjoyable time.

The following was the personnel of the party:

Marie Filleman, Dora Filleman, Lillian Bennet, Clara Schweers, Lola Buchanan, Lavenia McClaugherty, Goldie Hurt, Evelyn Montel, Jennie Mae Dowdy, Ruby Nowlin, Corine Ney, Hazel Mofield, Hazel Heath, Mary Kempf, Abbie Bradley, Grace Armstrong, Lorine Montel, Octavia Davis, Kyle Bradley, Johnnie Mofield, Laurie Harper, Frank Jungman, Arthur Jungman, Newton White, Carl McLeod, Wm. Grell, Monroe Taylor, Harry Taylor, Osborne Chancey, Sterling Fly, Wesley McClaugherty, Horace King, Louis Brucks, Willie Windrow, Ralph Windrow, David Stone, McManus, Oscar Taylor.

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THE LOST LETTER

By LAWRENCE ALFRED CLAY

It is of no consequence what the misunderstanding was about. The lives of young people are full of misunderstandings, and the more they are to love the thicker the misunderstandings come along. Cupid sends them as tests. Where two people in love can't patch up a misunderstanding and go ahead and be happier than before they shouldn't marry.

It was a little awkward in this case that Miss Nina Farrand, school teacher, was going on her summer vacation the next morning, and so Mr. James Clingham of the insurance company wouldn't have an opportunity to drop in next evening and bring the dove of peace under his arm. Miss Nina had as good as said that she wouldn't write a line while she was gone, and he had as good as said that his time would be fully occupied with out writing private letters.

When Miss Nina reached her room in the country she found it was five miles from the nearest post office. She had given Mr. Clingham the address before the spat. On the way up there she hoped the distance would be 30 miles, for she was cross yet, but when told it was only five miles her heart was like lead. Five miles to the post office, and sometimes the family did not send or go for a whole fortnight. Five dusty miles, and all of the way uphill, and she and Mr. Clingham mad at each other!

If there had been a post office within ten rods she would have tossed her head and flung it out, but five miles she wanted to weep. She wanted to write a long letter the day she arrived, if only there had been a telephone—but there wasn't!

Miss Nina waited five long days and then she wrote. She had a heart, and she wanted to spread it with the ink, but it wouldn't do. Mr. Clingham must be taught a lesson. She mentioned that she had arrived, that she had found her aunt about as usual, that there were hollyhocks in the garden, that it was dry weather and that the geese had chased her.

Mr. Jones and his old horse wagon came jogging along on the road and when the letter had departed the echoes of it felt relieved. Miss Nina almost felt sure that the letter would bring her one in return. Mr. Clingham might simply write that it was his busy day—and the city was dusty—and the comet didn't come to shucks—and he was going to ball game, and sign it: "Your obedient servant," but it would be comfort. She went half a mile up the road to meet Farmer Jones as he returned. She pretended she was looking for scenery.

"Got you a letter, by golly!" he called at her from a point 20 rods off. "Yes, got you a letter, and it's marked in the city. Bet it's from your fellow. Whoo. Eph! Here's a epistle."

He started to draw it from his pocket of his old lined duster, but the heart of the young lady started a-tasking, but it wasn't there. He searched other pockets. He looked into his hat. He hunted over his wagon. No letter.

"Jorbah, but I've lost it!" he finally admitted.

"Oh, Mr. Jones!"

"Now don't have a fit, young lady. The harness busted on the about 10 miles back, and I got down to fix it. I must have lost the letter then. It was right at the foot of a hill, and there was a cow looking over her fence. I'll start right out in the morning and look for it."

"But I'm so sorry!" wailed Miss Nina.

"So'm I, but don't have a fit. The letter will be right there in the morning."

In the morning when Mr. Jones came along, Miss Nina insisted on driving along with him. He was of confidence that the letter would be found, and when he finally reached the foot of a particular hill he did rein and said:

"Right here is where the harness busted, and right here is where I got down. We'll find that letter to-day."

The fatal spot was reached at last. There on a stone sat—not the letter, but Mr. Clingham himself! He was within twenty feet of him when she saw him. They were staring at each other in the most awkward way when a rumbling in the distance was heard. From down the road came a cloud of dust, and in the midst of it could be made out Farmer Jones and his old rig. The old horse was on a run and the old wagon was creaking and the farmer was shouting and holding a letter up to view. He was nearer. He stopped. He flourished the letter once more, and shouted:

"Never lost the thing 'tall! Here's my pocket, and it got into the letter. Jest found it an hour ago, and here it is on the gallop."

The letter was handed down, and turned and headed for home. It got along to Miss Nina's aunt who was at the gate to ask:

"Well, did you find her?"

"Yes."

"Was she tickled about the letter?"

"No, no, very."

"But why?"

"Cause she'd found something to be tickled about. I guess it was the fellow who wrote the very letter, and he was on his way out to explain something. Better get into the house and fix up a big dinner, for they'll be here within an hour, and they'll be mighty hungry. Them young folks always are after they have been made up."

DEAR SIR:--

I will be at the following named places on their respective dates for the purpose of taking assessments for the year 1911:

- Devine, Jan. 26 to Feb. 4, 1911.
- Zig Zag, Feb. 6.
- Biry, Feb. 7.
- Dunlay, Feb. 8.
- H. B. Balzen's, Feb. 16.
- Quihi School House, Feb. 17.
- Oefinger's Store, Feb. 18.
- Lacoste, Feb. 25.
- Boehme's store, Riomedina, Feb. 27.
- Castroville, Feb. 28 to March 4.
- Old D'Hanis, March 7.
- D'Hanis depot, Carle's store, March 8 and 9.
- D'Hanis depot, Rothe & Koch's, March 10 and 11.
- Yancey, March 18.

Respectfully yours,
H. B. TAYLOR,
Tax Assessor, Medina County,
Hondo, Texas.